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Ref: 381-24652

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
16,100' Zone, Reservoir A  
AMERICAN ISLAND FIELD  
St. Martin Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Apache Corporation

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Apache Corporation** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 16,100' Zone, Reservoir A, American Island Field, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 380 acres for the 16,100' Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the 16100 RA SUA, American Island Field, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 16,100' Zone, Reservoir A, in the American Island Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 16,240 feet and 16,819 feet (16,078 feet and 16,656 feet

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TVD) (electrical log measurements) in the Union Pacific Resources Company-P. R. Norman No. 1 Well, located in Section 27, Township 14 South, Range 12 East, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated January 5, 2007 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2007. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 16100 RA SUA, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

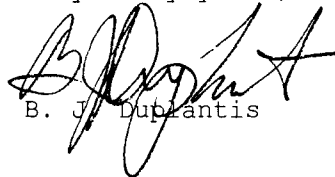
A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed units can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Dale of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson

District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

